

Abstract

A mechanism provides for a conversation controller that enables services to carry out an entire conversation without the service developers having to implement code to manage conversation logic. The mechanism focuses on conversation functionality as opposed to business functionality of the service and enables service developers to delegate conversational responsibilities to the conversation controller, thus freeing the developers from having to implement explicit conversation control mechanisms and allowing the services to interact without having to explicitly support conversations. These distinctions help to provide an extremely lightweight conversation controller capable of directing a service's conversations with other services or clients.

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